

TAFT "SLOUGHS" OFFICIAL ROBES

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE WINDS UP HIS BUSINESS AS SECRETARY OF WAR.

Only One Political Talk—Representative Burton, After Confering with Candidate, Thinks Vorys Will Not Be National Chairman.

Washington, July 1.—"I'm in process of sloughing off my official robes." This was the laconic description of his condition given by William H. Taft Tuesday evening as he sat at the big flat-topped desk in his private office at the war department. He had been working like an East Indian slave during the day in the disposition of more or less important departmental business. He gave notice early in the day that he did not propose to discuss politics in the last hours of his administration as secretary of war, because of the enormous amount of routine matter which he necessarily had on hand.

Throughout the day he was in consultation with Gov. Wright, who is his successor as executive head of the war department, and with bureau chiefs of the department. Several important matters respecting the election situation in Panama, the Panama canal, the situation in Cuba and administrative details of the war department proper occupied his attention practically throughout the day.

Has Long Talk with Burton. The only real political conference he had during the day was with Representative Theodore E. Burton of Cleveland, O., who presented his name to the Chicago convention for the presidency. The conference was prolonged. Mr. Burton discussed with the secretary the details of the convention and the political situation as it has developed since the convention adjourned. They devoted particular attention to the political conditions in Ohio. Mr. Taft's native state, concerning which he is especially solicitous.

At the conclusion of the conference, Mr. Burton said that a number of questions were considered by Mr. Taft and himself concerning which he could not talk.

Vorys Not to Be Chairman. "Mr. Vorys, who has been mentioned in connection with the national chairmanship of the Republican party, will be identified probably with the approaching national campaign in an important capacity; but, as the situation is today, he will not be the chairman of the committee," said Mr. Burton. "I have no information at this time on the national chairmanship question beyond that. I am quite certain, however, that all of the wrinkles which now seem to exist will be smoothed out in a few days."

Commenting upon his interview with Mr. Burton, Mr. Taft said diplomatically:

"We considered the state of the whole union, but a little political touch was given to the interview, I will admit."

Burton May Go to Hot Springs. It developed from the talk with Mr. Taft that Mr. Burton may go to Hot Springs for a brief sojourn about the time Mr. Taft and his family arrive there. Mr. Taft said that he and Mrs. Taft and their son Charlie would leave Washington next Friday afternoon at four o'clock for Hot Springs in a special car over the Chesapeake & Ohio railway. He also announced that he had sent out notices to the members of the sub-committee of the national committee requesting them to meet him at Hot Springs on July 8 to determine the matter of the national chairmanship. Concerning the chairmanship the secretary said that he was absolutely without information that he could communicate to the public.

Apparently the matter is as much in the air as it has been since the meeting of the sub-committee in Cincinnati on June 20.

Mr. Taft said that he expected to have a talk with Mr. Vorys Wednesday, but that he did not expect to see F. H. Hitchcock until Thursday.

ONE KILLED IN COLLISION.

Baggage Man Dies in a Railway Wreck at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Ia., July 2.—One man was killed, three were seriously injured and a half-dozen were slightly hurt when a Great Western work train crashed into the Rock Island-Indiana local at the East Sixteenth street crossing Wednesday at 11:38 a. m.

The truck of a tender on the work train passed entirely into the smoking car of the Rock Island passenger train, penning seven passengers in the rear end of the car. The turning of the coach hurled three trunks onto the prostrate form of Baggage Man W. H. Urbahn, so injuring him that he died in the hospital.

Medal for Brave Negro.

Des Moines, Ia., July 2.—In reward for his daring and presence of mind, Grant Ferguson, the negro who rescued William Ebersole from drowning when a launch containing the young man and three companions was swept over a dam in the Des Moines river at this point, was given a handsome gold medal by the Commercial club Wednesday.

Bereaves Her Five Children.

Kershon, July 3.—A woman residing in a near-by village has been placed under arrest on the charge of having chopped the heads off five of her own children with an ax.

OHIO AERONAUTS ARE MAGNANIMOUS

PILOTS OF THE CININNATI GIVE UP CHANCES TO WIN TO HELP RIVALS.

MEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

All Balloons in the Endurance Contest Afloat and Have Harrowing Experiences Crossing Lake Michigan.

Chicago, July 6.—The Chicago to Ocean" balloon race ended Sunday night when the last of the nine contestants came to earth at West Sheldford, Quebec, 800 miles from the starting point.

This craft was the Fielding, owned by F. J. Fielding, of San Antonio, Tex. It covered approximately 100 miles more than its nearest competitor and is also believed to have captured the prize for the balloon which remained in the air the longest.

The contest was marked by several thrilling escapes from drowning. The Ville De Dieppe dropped into Lake Michigan soon after the start, and for an hour or more Col. A. L. Mueller and George Schoeneck, its pilots, were swept across the surface, finally arriving with their craft to a height of 7,000 feet, from which they descended to Benton Harbor, Mich.

A similar experience fell to the lot of C. H. Perigo and J. D. Case, crew of the Illinois. While endeavoring to affect a landing near Lake Ontario their balloon fell into the Bay of Quinte.

The aeronauts had donned life preservers and managed to keep afloat until a yacht put off from Glen Island and rescued them.

The fate of their balloon is not known here. Perigo's message to his family stated that he and Case were safe.

The third serious accident took place near Clinton, Ontario. The balloon Columbia could not be controlled by Capt. M. Peterson and C. H. Lelter, and they were dashed against trees and dragged through barbed-wire fences. Both were painfully injured.

The landing places of the balloons were as follows:

Fielding, West Sheldford, Quebec; America, Carsonville, Mich.; King Edward, Port Huron, Mich.; Chicago, Atwood, Ont.; United States, Pinkerton Station, Ont.; Columbia, Clinton, Ont.; Cincinnati, Covert, Mich.; Illinois, Glen Island, Ont.; Ville De Dieppe, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Col. A. E. Mueller and George Schoeneck, the aeronauts who sailed in the French balloon "Ville De Dieppe," came to earth near South Haven, Mich., during the night, having been dragged for miles along the surface of Lake Michigan.

The aeronauts of the Cincinnati saw the disaster to the Ville De Dieppe and landed in Covert, Mich., in order to send a message to the life-saving stations notifying them of the accident.

FLAMES, FANNED BY HIGH WIND,

Razed Over a Hundred Buildings in Hayti's Capital.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, July 6.—A serious fire broke out here Sunday afternoon in the vicinity of the palace and senate buildings. The flames were spread quickly by a high wind and soon reached alarming proportions.

More than 100 buildings were burned, including the court house and the prison. All the prisoners, among them a number of women, were taken to other quarters before the building took fire.

Sparks ignited the arsenal, which was also burned, together with stores of powder and ammunition. The destruction of the arsenal was accompanied by many explosions. The firemen were aided by the populace in fighting the flames, and a force from the French cruiser Chasseloup-Laubet. For a time panic prevailed, but later, as the intensity of the fire diminished, the people became more calm, though heavy explosions in the arsenal continued.

Several hours after the fire started the station of the cable company, near the arsenal, was surrounded by flames and it is probable that communication by that means will be interrupted.

Three Drowned While Bathing. Wildwood, N. J., July 6.—Three Philadelphiaans, Miss Frances Maxwell, aged 19; Miss Helen Golding, aged 21, and Harry Martin, aged 23 years, were drowned Sunday near Anglesea while bathing, and before their absence was discovered by life guards. The sudden disappearance caused considerable excitement among the hundreds of bathers out at the time. The bodies were recovered Sunday night by the life guards.

Died From Electric Car Accident. Joplin, Mo., July 4.—Rev. Simpson Ely, a famous Christian church evangelist, died Sunday night, 11 hours after he was jolted off and thrown on his head by an electric car from which he was attempting to alight.

Negro Lynched. Flora, Miss., July 6.—Hungry from starvation after hiding in the low lands for several days Alex. Hall, negro, wanted for an attack on Duke Murphy, a planter, came forth Sunday and was lynched by men and boys.



MURAT HALSTEAD HAS PASSED AWAY

LEADER IN AMERICAN JOURNALISM DIES AT HIS HOME IN CINCINNATI.

Had Been Ill for Months—Sketch of His Long Career as Editor, War Correspondent and Writer on National Political Topics.

Cincinnati, July 3.—Murat Halstead, one of the leaders in American journalism for over half a century and widely known as a vigorous editorial and magazine writer, died at his home in this city Thursday afternoon, in his seventy-ninth year.

At his bedside were his wife, his son Robert and one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Stem. Mr. Halstead had been failing in strength for several months and Wednesday suffered from cerebral hemorrhage. His physicians Thursday morning told the family that death was simply a question of hours and those of the family at a distance were at once notified.

Mr. and Mrs. Halstead celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a little more than a year ago, at which time Mr. Halstead's health seemed frail, and as time passed he grew weaker, so that the news of his death was not wholly unexpected.

Broken by Son's Death.

The sudden death of his son Marshall a few months ago was a severe shock to him and is believed to have had an adverse effect on his health, being the first break in the family. Albert Halstead, another son, is American consul at Birmingham, England, and other members of the family are scattered throughout the country.

Mr. Halstead was one of the great editors of the last half of the nineteenth century, and one of the strongest tributes to his incisiveness as a writer was in 1889 when his nomination by President Harrison to be American minister to Germany was rejected by the United States senate because of articles he had published charging corruption to some members of that body.

His Career in Journalism.

He was a native of Butler county, O., and after a short service on a literary weekly, he in 1853 became connected with the Cincinnati Commercial, in which he secured a small interest a year later, becoming chief owner in 1865. Nearly 20 years later his paper was consolidated with the Gazette and he was editor-in-chief of the combined newspapers until years afterwards when another consolidation was effected, new owners securing control.

For a time he was editor of the Brooklyn Standard-Union, and during the last ten years he has figured largely as a magazine and special newspaper writer, besides issuing a number of books on current matters of historical interest. In the civil war Mr. Halstead personally reported many battles, being rated as a war correspondent of the first class, and later in the Franco-German war and also in the Spanish-American war he added to his reputation in that line.

For 50 years he attended and reported all Republican national conventions and in 1860 he was the only newspaper man who reported all the varied political conventions of that year.

Murdered for Her Jewels.

Chicago, July 2.—Mrs. Frances Thompson, 26 years old, wife of Edward Thompson, a school-teacher in Fargo, N. D., was found dead—murdered by a stranger in a rooming-house at 1242 Michigan avenue Wednesday morning. Her diamonds, valued at \$800, were missing and are supposed to have furnished the motive for the murder.

Convicted of Embezzlement.

New Orleans, July 1.—Ferdinand Dudenhefer, formerly a state tax collector in New Orleans, was found guilty Tuesday of embezzling about \$68,000 of state funds. Sentence was deferred.

JACOBSON FOR GOVERNOR

MADISON MAN NOMINATED BY MINNESOTA REPUBLICANS.

Rival Candidates for the Place Withdraw—Others Withdraw.

St. Paul, Minn., July 2.—In a single session lasting but three hours the Minnesota Republican convention Wednesday nominated Jacob F. Jacobson of Madison for governor and adopted a platform endorsing the work of the Chicago convention and pledging the party in Minnesota to continue the work of railway regulation.

Mr. Jacobson was nominated by acclamation, after Attorney General Edward T. Young and Samuel P. Snider of Minneapolis, opposing candidates, had withdrawn and seconded the nomination of the Madison man. Joel Heatwole, who also was a candidate for governor, did not withdraw, but his name was not presented to the convention. Though the nomination was declared to have been made by acclamation, it was observed that the Winona county delegates did not vote.

Other nominees of the convention followed: Lieutenant governor, A. C. O. Eberhart of Mankato; secretary of state, Julius A. Schmal of Redwood Falls; state treasurer, Clarence C. Dinehart of Slayton; attorney general, George T. Simpson of Winona; railway and warehouse commissioners, Era E. Mills of Moorhead, and Charles E. Elmquist of Rush City.

All these with the exception of Mr. Simpson and Mr. Elmquist now hold the offices for which they were nominated.

Mr. Jacobson's name was presented to the convention by former Congressman Frank Eddy, who aroused laughter when he said: "The only reflection anyone has been able to cast on our candidate is that he eats pie with a knife. He is a rough, rugged, natural man. We could not have him any different if we would, and we would not if we could."

The demonstration that succeeded the nominating speech of Mr. Eddy had not subsided when Attorney General Young rose to second the nomination, thereby throwing the convention into a fever of enthusiasm. He was followed by Mr. Snider, who also made a seconding speech.

THREE SUICIDES IN MILWAUKEE.

One Man Wills His Ashes to a Girl for Toothpowder.

Milwaukee, July 3.—Three suicides in Milwaukee in one day is the record for some time past. Two of the victims left unusual requests. One, a crippled bootblack, named Walter Barnes, left a note addressed to a local physician requesting that his body be dissected in order to ascertain what was the matter with his legs.

R. Schultz, whose body was found hanging in the woods, left this request:

"I wish to be cremated and hereby will my ashes to Miss Meta Guettner, 618 Twenty-second street, who can use them for toothpowder."

A third victim, Carl Hober, an aged cigar maker, ended his existence by taking carbolic acid.

Denver Wins Teachers' Convention.

Cleveland, O., July 3.—Denver, Col., was commended by the board of directors of the National Education association Thursday as the place for the next annual convention of the association. Final action will not be taken until the next session of the board in December. Denver won out over Atlantic City, Chicago and Seattle.

Couple Not Guilty of Murder.

Champaign, Ill., July 3.—After two hours' deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Eleazer Oneal and Mrs. Gertie Pierson, charged with the murder of Lome Pierson, the woman's husband, near Fossil, Ill., three months ago.

Big Fire in a Lumber Yard.

Waubesahe, Ont., July 3.—Fire in the lumber yard of A. G. Chew, at Tannersville, near here, Thursday destroyed 7,000,000 feet of lumber, 2,000,000 laths, 8,000 railway ties, 50,000 broom handles, 13 Grand Trunk cars and 11 tram cars.

SPARK IGNITED FIREWORKS

WHILE THE CLERKS WERE SHOWING A NOVELTY.

Panic Ensued in Cleveland Establishment—Seven Are Dead and Fully Thirty More Injured.

Cleveland, O., July 4.—Seven persons were killed, at least two others were fatally injured and 30 more were severely hurt as the result of a fire in S. S. Kresge's five and ten-cent store in Ontario street, Friday.

The fire followed an explosion of fireworks on display in the store. Opinions differ as to the exact cause of the explosion.

A woman who was at the fireworks counter said the stock was ignited by sparks from a device which was being demonstrated to her by a clerk.

Chief Wallace and the store managers were of the opinion that the pieces were ignited by an arc light.

Immediately following the explosion an alarm of fire was sounded and a panic seized the hundreds of clerks and shoppers.

A mad rush was made for the doors and windows. Many jumped from the second and third floor windows. The store, which is located near the busiest corner in the downtown district, was well filled with shoppers, mostly women and children.

Practically all of the clerks were young girls. Although the explosion of the fireworks caused consternation, the real panic did not occur until some one shouted "Fire."

For an instant a hush came over the crowd. Then women screamed, some fainting and sudden fear overcame them. Crazed by the possibility of injury or death, all on the main floor rushed for the front and rear doors. Quickly they were jammed in the front doorway. The back door was too small for all who sought safety there, and the rear windows were closed with iron bars. Those who could not escape in this direction turned to the front door. While practically every one on the main floor was able to leave without injury through the front door, it was mainly because of the jam at that door that six persons lost their lives.

Six women forced to the rear of the store by the approaching flames finally sought safety under a counter, where their bodies were found two hours after the explosion. They had been suffocated.

While the panic was in progress the flames spread to the second and third floors. There frenzied crowds of clerks and shoppers were endeavoring to find a means of escape.

Women and girls appeared in the upper windows shouting and pleading for help. Hysterical with the fright, some hurled themselves to the sidewalk. When one or two had thus faced death it stampeded the others on the upper window ledges, and they, too, followed.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED

And Forty Injured in Tornado That Hit Ft. Summers, N. M.

Santa Fe, N. M., July 4.—Five persons were killed, 40 injured and many rendered homeless by a tornado at Ft. Summers, Guadalupe county, N. M.

News of the disaster was contained in a telegram received Friday afternoon by Acting Gov. Nathan Jaffa from A. P. Anaya, who said financial aid was needed.

Gov. George Curry and W. H. Andrews, delegate to congress, are in the region devastated and are taking such official measures for the relief of the inhabitants as the situation demands.

The dead are: V. Spady Gerhardt and wife, Miss Alvarado and two unidentified sheep herders. Gerhardt was a pioneer of that region.

Dismissal Is Approved.

Oyster Bay, July 4.—The president Friday approved the finding of the court-martial in the case of Lieut. Commander Robert H. Osborn, U. S. N., that he be dismissed from the service.

MARKET REPORTS.

Cincinnati, July 4.	
CATTLE—Extra	@ 5 75
CALVES—Extra	@ 5 50
HOGS—Choice	6 45 @ 5 50
SHEEP—Extra	2 00 @ 4 25
LAMBS—Spring	4 75 @ 7 10
FLOUR—Spring pat.	5 40 @ 5 60
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	90 @ 81
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	70 1/2 @ 81
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	53 @ 53 1/2
RYE—No. 2 choice	84 @ 86
HAY—Ch. timothy	12 00 @ 12 50
BUTTER—Dairy	@ 16 1/2
EGGS—Per doz	15 @ 17
APPLES—Choice	3 25 @ 3 50
POTATOES—Per bri.	3 50 @ 3 75
TOBACCO—Burley	12 50 @ 14 50

Chicago.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	@ 92
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	@ 73
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	@ 55
RYE—Prime mess.	@ 14 05
LARD—Prime	@ 8 77 1/2

NEW YORK.	
FLOUR—Win. patent.	5 20 @ 5 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	@ 93 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	@ 73 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	@ 55
RYE—Prime mess.	@ 17 00
LARD—Steam	@ 8 55

BALTIMORE.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	@ 88
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	@ 75 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	@ 53

LOUISVILLE.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	@ 92
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	@ 70
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	@ 53 1/2
HAY—Ch. timothy	@ 14 00
EGGS—Extra	@ 5 50
LARD—Steam	@ 8 90

INDIANAPOLIS.	
CATTLE—Prime	@ 8 50
HOGS—Extra	@ 6 50
SHEEP—Extra	@ 5 50

HILLSBORO MARKETS.

Corrected Weekly by The Union Grocery Co. Hillsboro, July 9, 1908.

Retail Grocers.	
BUYING PRICES.	
Wheat, bushel	83
Corn	75
Oats	49 1/2
Potatoes	70 1/2
White Beans	80
Butter	14
Eggs, dozen	14
Young Chickens	15
Chickens, per lb.	9
Turkeys, per lb.	10
Ducks, per lb.	10
Bacon Ham, per lb.	10
Bacon Sides	8 1/2
Bacon Shoulders	8 1/2
Lard	9
Hay, ton	10 1/2

RETAIL PRICES.	
Ex. C Sugar	11 1/2
A Sugar	11 1/2
Granulated Sugar	11 1/2
Cut Loaf and Powdered Sugar	11 1/2
Coffee, Rio	10 1/2
Tea, Imp. Y. H. and G. P. per qr.	10 1/2
Tea, Black, gross	8 1/2
Cheese, factory	12 1/2
Flour, good family brands, cwt.	10 1/2
Molasses, N. O. gallon	10 1/2
Sorghum	10 1/2
Golden Syrup	10 1/2
Coal Oil	10 1/2
Salt	10 1/2
Hams, city sugar cured, lb.	12 1/2

LIVE STOCK.	
Beef, cwt., gross	10 1/2
Beef, shipping	10 1/2
Sheep and Lambs, per cwt.	10 1/2
Hogs, cwt., gross	10 1/2
Stock Hogs, gross	10 1/2
Milk Cows with Calves	10 1/2

Teachers' Examination.

The Highland County Board of School examiners hereby gives notice that examinations of applicants for certificates will take place in the Washington School Building, Hillsboro, on the first Saturday of each month.

Person examinations will be held on the third Saturday of April and on the second Saturday of May.

Applicants for examination in special branches must notify the clerk at least two weeks before examination day.

As prescribed by law, the fees for Teachers examination will be 50 cents, while the Patterson examination no fee is charged.

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